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SUBJECT: DIMINISHING INTEREST IN PEKING POSTERS

1. OVER THE WEEKEND, THE POSTERS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE IN PEKING IN THE VICINITY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS SEEM TO HAVE LOST SOME OF THEIR BITE AND THE CROWDS READING THEM HAVE THINNED MARKEDLY. VERY FEW NEW POSTERS HAVE GONE UP IN THE PAST TWO TO THREE DAYS AND SOME OF THESE HAVE BEEN ESSENTIALLY REHASHED CHARGES BY POSTER WRITERS BY NOW WELL KNOWN TO THE POLITICALLY AWARE IN PEKING. MANY OF THE OLD POSTERS ARE DOWN EITHER BECAUSE THEY WERE TORN DOWN OR SUFFERED THE RAVAGES OF WEATHER, ALTHOUGH THE ORIGINAL POSTER CRITICIZING THE PEKING REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE REMAINS UP AND STILL HAS A FEW READERS.

2. THE THEMES OF THE POSTERS HAVE BECOME STILTED AND DEFLECTED AWAY FROM THE PEKING REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE. A FEW LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LONG POSTERS NOW UP ARE IMPASSIONED PLEAS TO CHAIRMAN MAO AND

THE PARTY CENTER TO REDRESS GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE PUBLIC SECURITY APPARATUS. ANOTHER ENTIRE WALL IS TAKEN UP BY CRITICISMS OF THE CHENGCHOW PARTY COMMITTEE AND PARTY SECRETARY WANG CHUN-CHIH. THE ONLY REMAINING CRITICS OF THE PEKING REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE STILL VOICING THEIR COMPLAINTS ARE THE TWO WRITERS WHO PUT UP SMALL SUPPORTING POSTERS ON THE FIRST DAY, HSUEH PAO-JEN AND HU HSU-FANG. THEY HAVE COMPLAINED OF ROUGH TREATMENT BY THE POLICE, INCLUDING A DRENCHING BY FIRE HOSES WHILE THEY ATTEMPTED TO PUT UP THEIR POSTERS.

3. ONE NEW WRINKLE WAS PROVIDED BY HSUEH AND HU IN JULY 1 POSTERS SUPPORTING THE PARTY ANNIVERSARY EDITORIAL. PREDICTABLY, THEY FOUND THAT THE EDITORIAL SUPPORTED THEIR POSITION IN ATTACKING THE PRACTICES OF THE PEKING REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE. HSUEH AGAIN CHARGED THE COMMITTEE WITH BEATING PEOPLE WHO DISAGREED WITH THEM, CURSING THEM, AND DOCKING THEIR WAGES AND SUGGESTED THAT THE COMMITTEE'S LEADERS SHOULD READ THE EDITORIAL IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEY SHOULD STOP ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES.

4. COMMENT: WHILE THE PACE OF PUBLIC POSTER ACTIVITY HAS SLACKED OFF SOMEWHAT, ACTIVITY IN COMPOUNDS OUT OF PUBLIC VIEW APPEARS TO BE GROWING AT A RAPID RATE. WE SUSPECT THAT MOST OF THE INTERESTING POSTERS ARE STILL BEING KEPT AWAY FROM THE PRYING EYES OF THE FOREIGNERS.
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